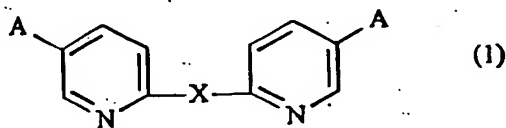
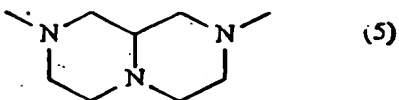
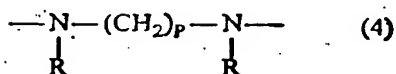
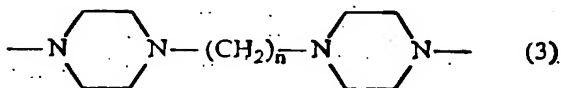
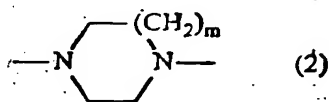


WHAT IS CLAIMED AS NEW AND IS INTENDED TO BE SECURED BY LETTERS PATENT IS:

1. A bis(5-aryl-2-pyridyl) compound represented by formula (1) or a salt thereof:



wherein A is a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbonyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic heterocyclic group, and X is a group selected from the group consisting of moieties having formulas (2) to (5):



wherein, in formula (2), m is an integer of 1 or 2; in formula (3), n is an integer of 1 to 6; and in formula (4), R is hydrogen or a lower alkyl group and p is an integer of 1 to 6.

2. The bis(5-aryl-2-pyridyl) compound or salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein, in formula (1), A is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted thienyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted furyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted benzofuryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted benzothenyl group.

3. The bis(5-aryl-2-pyridyl) derivative or a salt thereof according to Claim 2, wherein, in formula (1), A is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group.

4. The bis(5-aryl-2-pyridyl) derivative or a salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein said aromatic hydrocarbonyl group or said aromatic heterocyclic group is substituted by 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl groups, halogeno(lower alkyl) groups, hydroxy(lower alkyl) groups, lower alkoxy(lower alkyl) groups, lower alkoxy groups, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, (lower alkyl)thio groups, amino, mono- or di-(lower alkyl)amino groups, (lower alkyl)sulfonylamino groups, formyl, carboxyl, (lower alkoxy)carbonyl groups, lower alkanoyl groups, pyrrolidinyl, and alkylenedioxy groups.

5. The bis(5-aryl-2-pyridyl) derivative or a salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein, in formula (1), X is the group represented by formula (2).

6. The bis(2-aryl-5-pyridyl) compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 4, wherein the lower alkyl moiety in the lower alkyl group containing groups is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, cyclopropyl or cyclohexyl.

7. The bis(2-aryl-5-pyridyl) compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 4, wherein said 1 to 3 substituents are selected from the group consisting of methyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, isopropoxy, trifluoroethoxy, methoxyethoxy, hydroxyethoxy, fluorine, chlorine, hydroxy, cyano, methylthio, dimethylamino, pyrrolidinyl, formyl, carboxyl, ethoxycarbonyl, t-butoxycarbonyl, propionyloxy, N-methyl-N-methoxycarbamoyl, acetyl, and methylenedioxy.

8. The bis(2-aryl-5-pyridyl) compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 4, wherein said bis(2-aryl-5-pyridyl) compound is 1,4-bis[5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-pyridyl]hexahydro-1,4-diazepine dimethanesulfonate, 1,4-bis[5-(4-amino-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-pyridyl]hexahydro-1,4-diazepine tetrahydrochloride, 1,4-bis[5-(4-dimethylamino-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-pyridyl]hexahydro-1,4-diazepine, 1,3-bis[4-[5-

(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-pyridyl]-1-piperazinyl]propane or N,N'-bis[5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-pyridyl]-N,N'-dimethylethylenediamine dimethanesulfonate.

9. A medicinal composition comprising, as an active ingredient, an effective amount of a bis(2-aryl-5-pyridyl) compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 1.

10. The medicinal composition according to Claim 8, which is effective in the prevention or therapeutic treatment of an allergic immune disease.

11. The medicinal composition according to Claim 10, wherein said allergic immune disease is asthma, atopic dermatitis, allergic rhinitis, inflammatory bowel disease, contact dermatitis or an allergic ophthalmopathy.

12. An IgE antibody production inhibitor which is a bis(2-aryl-5-pyridyl) compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 1.

13. A medicinal composition, comprising: a bis(2-aryl-5-pyridyl) compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 1 and a pharmacologically acceptable carrier.

14. A method of treating a subject suffering from an allergic immune disease, which comprises:

administering an effective amount of a bis(2-aryl-5-pyridyl) compound or a salt thereof according to Claim 1 to said subject.